

AMENDMENTS

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1-20 (cancelled)

21. (currently amended) A method for supplying information, comprising:
distributing a plurality of information web pages objects across a plurality of servers; and
providing a redirection web page object for each information web page object;
wherein each information web pages object includes an indirect link to another information web page object, ~~each the~~ indirect link to ~~an information object~~ being a link to a redirection web page object for that other information web page object.

22. (currently amended) The method of Claim 21, further comprising:
a first server presenting a first information web page object of the plurality of Information web pages objects to a client terminal;
receiving a request from the client terminal for a second information web page object of the plurality of information web pages objects from the client terminal, the request corresponding to a selection of the indirect link included in the first information web pages object;
determining if a second server hosting the second information web page is operational; and
returning to the client terminal an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the second information web page object if the second server is determined to be operational.

23. (previously presented) The method of Claim 22, further comprising returning an error message to the client terminal if the second server is determined to be unavailable.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein returning an error message includes directing the client terminal to an error handling object.

25. (previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein the error handling object includes an error message.

26. (previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein the error handling object includes a redirection command.

27. (previously presented) The method of Claim 22, wherein determining comprises maintaining a centralized status of each server and inspecting the centralized status to determine the availability of the second server.

28. (previously presented) The method of Claim 27, wherein maintaining comprises periodically updating a status of each of the servers.

29. (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.

30. (cancelled).

31. (currently amended) The method of Claim 21, wherein providing a redirection web page object for each information web page object includes providing a central server to host the redirection web pages objects, the central server being the initial target for requests made for each information web page object.

32. (currently amended) An information server system comprising a plurality of servers, each hosting a different information web page object; a redirection web page object for each information object web page; wherein each information object web page includes an indirect link to another information object web page, ~~each the indirect link to an information object~~ being a link to a redirection object web page for that other information object web page.

33. (currently amended) The system of Claim 32: further comprising a central server operable to receive a request for an information object web page from a client terminal, determine if a one of the plurality of servers hosting the requested information web page object is operational, and to pass the request to a redirection web page object corresponding to the requested information web page object if the server hosting the requested information web page object is determined to be operational; and wherein the redirection web page object is operable to return an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the requested information web page object.

34. (currently amended) The system of Claim 33: further comprising a centralized database storing a status of each of said servers; and wherein the central server is operable to access the centralized database to determine whether a selected one of the plurality of servers hosting information objects is operational.

35. (currently amended) The system of Claim 33, wherein the central server is operable to return an error message in response to the request of the information web page object if the server hosting the requested information web page object is determined not to be operational.

36. (currently amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the central server is operable to return an error message by directing the client terminal to an error handling web page object.

37. (currently amended) The system of Claim 36, wherein the error handling web page object includes an error message.

38. (currently amended) The system of claim 36, wherein said error handling web page object includes a redirection command.

39. (currently amended) The system of Claim 34, wherein the central server is operable to maintain the central database by periodically updating a status of each of the plurality of servers that host the information web pages objects.

40. (previously presented) The method of Claim 39, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.

41. (currently amended) The method of Claim 32, wherein the central server hosts the redirection web pages objects.

42. (cancelled)

43. (currently amended) A method of providing a website, comprising the steps of:
hosting a plurality of information web pages on a plurality of distinct web servers;
and
hosting a plurality of redirection web pages on a central web server,
wherein each information web page includes an indirect link to another information web page, ~~each the indirect link to an information web page~~ being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page.

44. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43, further comprising:
a first web server presenting a first information web page of the plurality of information web pages to a client terminal;
receiving from the client terminal a request for a second information web page of the plurality of information web pages from the client terminal, the request corresponding to a selection of the indirect link included in the first information web page;
determining if a second web server hosting the second information object is operational; and
returning to the client terminal an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the second information web page if the second web server is determined to be operational.

45. (previously presented) The method of Claim 44, further comprising returning an error message to the client terminal if the second web server is determined to be unavailable.

46. (previously presented) The method of Claim 44, wherein determining comprises maintaining a centralized status of each web server and inspecting the centralized status to determine the availability of the second web server.

47. (previously presented) The method of Claim 46, wherein maintaining comprises periodically updating a status of each of the web servers.

48. (previously presented) The method of Claim 47, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.